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Change in the C.I.A.

A man who has proved his worth, both in business and in important governmental posts, has been named to succeed a man who, after 10 years as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has earned the respect of all who knew of his dedication to a very tough job.

John Alex McCone, named by President Kennedy as new head of C.I.A., will have the same problems as those borne by the man he replaces—Allen W. Dulles. He will frequently be in a position where the very nature of the job will make explanations impossible, where the nation will have to take him on trust.

McCone has been described as "a quiet-tempered 59-year-old industrialist who got his start as a riveter in a boiler shop," and as "a quiet-spoken dynamo." He is orderly, unfailingly polite, a lover of music. He served as undersecretary of the Air Force during the Korean War, later as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

We have confidence in the job Mr. McCone will do; we thank Mr. Dulles for the job he has done.